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## WHY FIGHT the PART-TIME PLAN?

**L**ots of people have been inconvenienced by the transit dispute on right now in Toronto, but before we go blaming the workers for causing us all this trouble, let's look a little closer at why they've had to take job action. In North America, more and more corporations are now laying off their full-time union workers, and replacing them with part-timers and temporaries at much lower wages. For

instance, the BASF chemical plant in Louisiana has locked out its unionized workers for the past four years; in their place are inexperienced contractors handling highly toxic and explosive substances, thereby endangering the environment and the workers' lives. In West Virginia, the United Mineworkers are fighting a vicious battle partly over the practice of setting up subsidi-

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## Last Stand at Temagami?

(TEMAGAMI ONT) As Ontario conservationists prepare a last desperate attempt to save part of the Temagami wilderness by organizing a blockade against the chainsaws on September 18 (information from Northwatch, 1-705-476-7060), the Canadian Ministry of Forests is in the process of establishing a general plan for wilderness areas in provincial forests.

The policy document issued by the Ministry contains many disturbing conclusions. It assumes that wilder-

ness is only one of many competing potential uses for a given piece of land and, perhaps more disturbingly, that wilderness must be maintained solely for human benefit. It insists that wilderness values be compared with resources that have a definite dollar value. This policy, if implemented, would effectively preclude the possibility of ever establishing true wilderness resources in many parts of Canada, including British Columbia. It gives the cabinet complete control over the areas designated. The cabinet would prohibit logging, but allow mining, grazing, fishing, hunting and guiding without public discussion. (Earth Island Journal, summer 1989 pp 13-14.)

**MONTREAL**

## Racist Filth Back on the Force

**A**llan Gosset, the cop who caused an uproar when he murdered a 19-year-old black youth in a Montreal police station parking lot, has been ordered reinstated by a Quebec Labour Department arbitrator. Gosset, who has a history of incidents of racially motivated abuse, shot Anthony Griffin in cold blood after Griffin first tried to flee, then surrendered and turned around to face Gosset.



**MURDERER**

Gosset was acquitted of manslaughter, but the cops kicked him off the force to rid themselves of a liability. In his 42-page ruling, arbitrator Jean-Pierre Lussier said that although Gosset "erred" by shooting Griffin, his "error" did not justify the firing. Since then a death threat for Gosset was FAXed to Montreal papers supposedly from a Muslim group, but its origin is unverified.



# Cops Harass Homeless on Algonquin Land

**D**espite continued police harassment, Ottawa activists are persevering with efforts to maintain a permanent camp for the homeless on Algonquin Indian land within the city of Ottawa. It is intended not as a permanent settlement, but a temporary measure to draw attention to welfare cuts and the needs of the homeless. The land is also claimed by the federal government, and police don't recognize the Algonquins' invitation to the homeless to use the land.

The camp was opened by a strong native medicine ceremony, conducted by native elder Wilf Pelletier with a black man assisting. Tents were put up and food was shared by about 45 people. All the local media were there. A large banner read "Life, Liberty and Security of the Person," quoting from

the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Since the opening police have showed up on several occasions to extinguish fires, to confiscate the property of participants including tents and banners, and at one point to arrest one of the organizers, Jane Scarf, on an old ticket for trespassing during a sit-in at a welfare office. She was bailed out for \$55, and returned to the camp the same evening.

One cop told Jane that, as long as the group remained out of sight, it would be left alone. This would enable the state to achieve its goal of making the poor invisible. Many homeless people are so used to used to hiding from the cops that they are afraid to come out into the open, but they stop by for food.

(source: Ottawa IWW)

# Another Circus for the Rich

Toronto City Council has initiated a special meeting of the city executive for September 18 at 7pm at City hall to hear public submissions on Toronto's bid for the 1996 Olympics. Until now it's has been kept behind closed doors, as the city tries to waste more of our money on another circus for the rich.

The Olympics bid, along with the new Ballet Opera House, Expo and the SkyDome, have been targetted by Metro's Bread Not Circuses coalition, an anti-poverty alliance. They warn that the Olympics will disrupt our neighbourhoods, lessen affordable housing and cause longer food bank line-ups. "The Olympics are supposed to generate housing for each host city" says BNC literature. But "in Seoul, all the housing units were sold off to investors as expensive condominiums. In Calgary, students were removed from their university residents for their winter term to house the Olympics." The Skydome can't accomodate an Olympic track, so the CNE will have to be refurbished; a new \$28.8M yachting venue for the elite will be built 'cause we can't boot existing club members from their sites; the media's housing complex of 8,500 units will be sold as condos after the games; these are some of the effects and expenses the Olympic bid entails for our city. Meanwhile what about the 50,000 homeless already here? Even if the Olympics makes a profit, like the \$110M made at Calgary, will we see any of it? Not too likely — it'll go into the pockets of the International Olympic Committee and all the corporate interests who control that. Do us a favour and can the plan — we don't like sports that much!

# TAKING BACK THE NIGHT

This year's Take Back the Night march is happening on Thursday September 21. Take back the Night is an event where women demand their safety on the streets and everywhere by taking back the streets from men in a collective action. It's an important show of strength and unity against rape and sexual harassment for women.

This year the theme is "Protect the Living". On the 21 there's a rally and

fair at the University Settlement House, 23 Grange St. (off McCaul between Dundas and College) at

7pm. That part is mixed (men and women). At 8:30pm the women-only march leaves that address while a men's discussion group is held at the House.

Childcare is provided. For more information on these events, contact the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre at 597-1171.





# Just Say NO to a Police State

**In trying to halt drug production in Colombia, the USA has assumed the role of Frankenstein trying to kill his own monster.**

In the USA, war against drugs has replaced war against communism as the current holy crusade which nobody can oppose without risking unemployment and imprisonment. This may account for the remarkable lack of protest over Bush's announcement that the poor will finance, through further cuts to the already emasculated social services, his "war on drugs" which is in reality a war on the poor.

In the USA drug prohibition has become far more dangerous than drug abuse; by 1987, in which drugs caused 3,403 deaths, prohibition-related causes such as crime, AIDS and poisoned drugs killed over 7,000. When imports of marijuana were reduced, Americans simply began to grow stronger varieties domestically, a lesson Bush fails to profit from in his current interference with Colombia. (Utne Reader #32 pp76-81, Toronto Sun 7-9-89 p12.)

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The USA continued to block any serious reform move, such as a government attempt to apply a rather limited land reform law to the unutilized land of a North American timber company, by threatening to cancel aid. The government of Colombia became a U.S. "client state" receiving whatever military aid it needed to keep the population suppressed, despite the fact that the defence minister's brother was by the 70s managing a cocaine trade which had become the number one industry. Wages were below subsistence level, and by the 80s over 1,000 people were being arrested and tor-

tured each year.

While violence escalates in Colombia and other drug producing third world countries, North American cops have turned public housing projects into strategic hamlets whose inmates must pass police checkpoints to enter or leave and are not allowed visitors. Torture camps are being established for anyone caught smoking pot—why did we bother to defeat Hitler if we're going to let our own leaders turn society into a replica of Nazi Germany? It would be so much simpler to legalize marijuana and use the resulting tax revenue to treat people who want to get off the hard drugs (including alcohol and tobacco, which kill more than 100 times as many people as do illegal drugs.) The politicians have ruled this out, doubtless counting on drug-related crime to engender a police state mentality among the general populace, and thereby make it easier for them to raise taxes and lower wages.

## IMF Terrorist Gang Meets

Beginning on September 28 and running for three days, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank is holding its annual Congress in Washington D.C. Thousands of bankers and businessmen will be getting together to plan the next state of their war against the third world people. Just like slavery and colonialism, their effort to collect financial debt from these peoples' countries is robbery with violence. Their crippling of the third world with massive debt has been a big factor in the destruction of tropical rainforests, especially in Brazil where the economy is in such bad shape they can hardly af-

ford to save the forests—meaning the IMF's debt collection is killing our planet. They also ordered the recent cutbacks in our social services here in Canada.

Last year's IMF/World Bank Congress was held in Berlin, where the whole city was put into a state of emergency as 14,000 bankers and their lackeys tried to carry out their dirty dealings protected by an almost equal number of police. The Congress was severely disrupted by mass protest, demos and actions which resulted in most of the bankers having to flee home after the cops said they couldn't guarantee their safety.



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ary or dummy companies to hire non-union workers with no experience in the mines and no medical insurance.

The plans by the Toronto Transit Commission to create large numbers of part-time jobs rather than a smaller number of full time ones is the main reason behind the work slowdown. Anyone who can add 2+2 knows you can't live well in Toronto on part-time wages; and if you get laid off you won't make it on UIC. The move to part-time means the company has less responsibility for benefits, pensions, etc. It forces the workers to be "flexible" or lose their jobs. Being "flexible" usually means taking weird rotating shifts and lower wage packages. And as unionized full-timers get laid off the unions lose their power. Whether or not unions are great, the power of unions has managed to hold up things like minimum wage, the 8 hour day and 40 hour week, safety regulations and

such, all of which are threatened as the capitalists restructure our jobs. (source: IWW)

Meanwhile the federal government is cutting social services for the unemployed, so that we'll have no choice but to take what part-time or temp jobs are offered regardless of job safety or working conditions. It's happening across Canada: companies are claiming they can't successfully compete with US ones under the free trade deal unless workers accept lower wages and longer hours (dream on!). A case in point is the lockout since February 20 of workers at Photo Engravers and Electrotypers Limited, a large catalogue printer located in Toronto. They were locked out after rejecting company demands including longer working hours, reduction in night shift premiums and overtime rates, reduction in press crews, weakening of contract language on senior-

ity and job security, cutbacks in pensions and a three-year wage freeze. The company is in essence a branch plant of the US retailer Sears Inc., and prints the catalogues which have enabled Sears to suck \$188 million out of Canadians since the 1960s. A boycott of Sears is underway (Canadian Tribune 4/9/89 p.9)

The free trade agreement has seen large numbers of Canadian jobs transferred to non-unionized areas in the USA and Mexico. Clearly the corporations plan to further enrich themselves by forcing workers to accept poorer working conditions, at the same time that the federal government's new 9% sales tax transfers a great deal of the tax burden from the corporations — which never did pay their fair share of taxes — to the general public. In the face of this onslaught we can't go around grumbling about being late for work 'cause the TTC workers had to take action. We've got to learn what the word solidarity is all about, and start taking on this conspiracy of the rich piece by piece... against the sales tax, the part-time shift, the UIC and welfare cutbacks and the whole stinking system.

## Days of Our Lives

**SEPT 21:** Take Back the Night Rally and March. 7:30pm, 23 Grange St. See page 2 for more details.

**SEPT. 23:** An evening of Global Rock Reggae with Imagine, Revelation and Fela. 3 bands to keep you skankin'. Cecil St. Community Centre, Cecil and Spadina, 8pm.

**SEPT 26:** Toronto Tools for Peace presents a slide show presentation and information session with Joan Campbell, its representative in Nicaragua, and Lynne Clark, an economist recently returned from the 10th Anniversary celebrations in Managua. All welcome to learn about the current situation in Nicaragua, and how Tools for Peace is helping the People. Tuesday September 26, 7:30

p.m. at the Gladstone Public Library, 1101 Bloor St. W.

**SEPT 28:** Simon Nkoli-the South African black gay anti-apartheid activist, found not guilty in the notorious Dolmas treason trial after three years in prison, speaks with video screenings of *Out in Africa* by Melonie Chait and *A Maffie Called Simon* by John Greyson. Wheelchair accessible, signed for the hearing impaired, child care. Organized by Lesbians and Gays Against Apartheid, with numerous co-sponsors. Thursday September 28, 7:30 p.m., Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Avenue at College, 260-0145.

To contribute your announcements to this calendar, phone the Anarchist Hotline at 535-5731 and leave message.

## HIV+ Prisoners Hungerstrike

(MONTREAL) HIV positive inmates of the Parthenais Centre de Prevention in Montreal have gone on a hunger strike to protest discrimination against seropositive prisoners. These are held in the infirmary for 23 hours out of 24 and denied customary privileges; when taken to the Courthouse they're locked in a small 3 x 4 foot cell.